

CASE: 0846

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

13 December 1993

DURING THE 28 JULY 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, A LIST OF CASES INVOLVING 168 UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL PRESUMABLY LOST OVER WATER AT LEAST 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST OF VIETNAM WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE VIETNAMESE WERE ASKED TO UNILATERALLY REVIEW THEIR RECORDS FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE CASES.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

16 April 1976

CHNG INCIDENT LOCATION FM YE 916 571 TO YE 750 400 BASED ON 7AF MSG 040747Z OCT 67 CHNG LAST KNOWN LOCATION TO YE 690 401 BASED ON CINCPAC OPREA.

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0853-0-01 (ACCNO 0572)	Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: APPLEBY, IVAN DALE	Date Status assigned: 1 Dec 1976	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE	Blood type A +
Grade 04	Hair BROWN	Complexion FAIR
SSAN DATA	Eyes BROWN	Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No 000046689	Height 68 in /1.73 mtrs	Weapon No K643382
Birth date 13 Sep 1930	Weight 160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos ACFT CMDR
Home State CALIFORNIA	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWH156796
Lat/Long: 203702N / 1050859E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: HOA BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: TAN LAC
Mission Date: 7 Oct 1967 0600L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Sep 93, Dec 88, Sep 85
Investigations: Oct 88
Surveys: Oct 88
Site Identified: Oct 88
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4D	Serial: 727
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7915
Call Sign: FALCON 01	1 Serial: 434635
Year: 65	2 Serial: 434640

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0853-1-02 (ACCNO 0579) Status: (T) RELEASED
Name: AUSTIN, WILLIAM RENWICK II Date Status assigned: 14 Mar 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	
Grade	03	Hair		Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes		Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	71588	Height	in /0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	K598831
Birth date		Weight	lb / 0.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	SO. CAROLINA	Religion		PW Camp	HANOI PW DETE

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	
UTM:	48QWH156796	48QWH140848
Lat/Long:	203702N / 1050859E	203951N / 1050804E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	3	
Mission Province:	HOA BINH	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	TAN LAC	MAI CHAU
Mission Date:	7 Oct 1967 0600L	
Mission Category:	3	\$
Local Analysis:	Populated area.	None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Oct 88
Surveys: Oct 88
Site Identified: Oct 88
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

8 August 1975

ON 7 OCTOBER 1967, MAJ IVAN D. APPLEBY, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, AND CAPT WILLIAM R. AUSTIN, PILOT, WERE FLYING AN F4D(#650727) ON A PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NVN AS THE LEAD AIRCRAFT (CALL SIGN FALCON 01) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO. WHILE ENROUTE THE FLIGHT HAD TWO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES FIRED AT THEM. ONE OF THE MISSILES DETONATED CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE LEAD AIRCRAFT TO INFLICT DAMAGE. THE AIRCRAFT MANEUVERED TO A POINT JUST SOUTH OF THE LARGE BEND IN THE BLACK RIVER, AT WHICH TIME THE PLANE CAUGHT FIRE AND CONTROL WAS LOST.

THE WINGMAN SAW ONE CREWMEMBER EJECT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) WH 140 848 WITH A SUCCESSFUL PARACHUTE OPENING. THEN THE AIRCRAFT STARTED TO ROLL AND FINALLY IMPACTED INTO A HILLSIDE NEAR (GC) WH 156 796. THE MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT WERE NOT SURE IF THEY HAD SEEN ANOTHER SEAT LEAVE THE PLANE. THE WEATHER IN THE AREA WAS CLOUDY WITH HEAVY HAZE. A BEEPER SIGNAL WAS HEARD FOR ONLY THREE MINUTES AFTER THE PARACHUTE LANDED. SAR WAS LAUNCHED INTO THE AREA BUT NO FURTHER CONTACT COULD BE MADE WITH THE CREW. (REF 1)

UPON THE RETURN OF THE POW'S IN 1973, A RETURNEE STATED THAT CAPT AUSTIN HAD NOT SEEN MAJ APPLEBY LEAVE THE PLANE, NOR DID HE SEE ANY OTHER PARACHUTE IN THE AREA. (REF 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. MAJ APPLEBY IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED. CAPT AUSTIN WAS A RELEASEE.

16 November 1985

DURING THE 13-16 NOV 1985 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI THE SRV STATED THAT IVAN D. APPLEBY HAD DIED IN THE CRASH OF HIS AIRCRAFT; HOWEVER NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE PROVIDED BY THE SRV.

=== REFERENCES ===

8 August 1975

REFERENCES USED: <1> RPT, 8CSG, AF FORM 484 W/STATEMENTS, 13 OCT 67.
<2> MSG, 13AF, 141501Z FEB 73. <3> TALKING POINT PASSED DURING 1-3 JUNE 1988 TECHNICAL MEETING. <4> TALKING POINT PASSED AT 19-21 DEC 88

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TECH MEETING. <5> CDR JTF-FA/J2 252002Z AUG 93. <6> JCRC LNO BKK, 100943Z NOV 88. <7> MSG, DTG: 220902Z SEP 93, CDR, JTF-FA/J2. <8> JTF-FA DET 2 FAX (831-93), 3 SEP 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 September 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON IVAN D. APPLEBY WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 25-28 SEP 1985 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 August 1988

JCRC DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE VNOSMP DURING THE 1 - 3 JUNE 1988 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. (REF 3)

7 February 1989

JCRC DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE VNOSMP DURING THE 19 - 21 DECEMBER 1988 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. (REF 4)

18 October 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 0853-0-01 WAS PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

8 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: IVAN D. APPLEBY, 0853-0-01, AND WILLIAMS R. AUSTIN, 0853-1-02.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

27 September 1993

THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES, BOTH OF WHOM PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE REFNO 0853 AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE WITNESSES CLAIMED THAT IN LATE MAY 1967, HE SAW AN AIRCRAFT CRASH ON BUOC MU (AKA YA HAA) MOUNTAIN. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE RECOVERED A SMALL AMOUNT OF REMAINS FROM THE CRASH SITE AND BURIED THE REMAINS NEAR HIS HOUSE. THE SECOND WITNESS GUIDED THE JOINT TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE. THE TEAM OBSERVED OR RECOVERED A LARGE AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, BUT OBSERVED NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INDICATED THE CRASH SITE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REFNO

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0853 LOSS INCIDENT. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE ALLEGED BURIAL LOCATION, BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS. (REF 6)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

17 September 1993

ON 17 NOV 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED "HA TAY PROVINCE RECORD OF DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT FROM 1965 TO 1967". LINE ENTRY #32 CORRELATES TO REFNO 0853 BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND REFERENCE TO ONE CREWMAN DEAD. (REF 5)

30 September 1993

ON 17 NOV 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "LIST OF AMERICAN PILOTS TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF HOA BINH DURING THE EIGHT YEAR WAR (3 MAY 1965 TO 30 DEC 1972)." LINE ENTRY #35 CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0853-1-01 BASED ON RANK, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. (REF 7)

14 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF DECEASED U.S. AIRMEN, BURIED, NEED TO LOCATE REMAINS." THIS DOCUMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. LIST OF 84 CASES FOR WHICH U.S. ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. EACH CASE ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE CASE. ENTRY NUMBER 22 ON THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT CORRELATED WITH REFNO 0853. (REF 8)



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NARRATIVE

ON 7 OCTOBER 1967, MAJOR IVAN D. APPLEBY AND CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. AUSTIN WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN F-4D AIRCRAFT (SERIAL NUMBER 65-0727) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON A PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. DURING THE MISSION, THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS DAMAGED BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WH156796, APPROXIMATELY 1500 METERS NORTH OF BAN BANG, HOA BINH PROVINCE. THE OTHER FLIGHT MEMBER OBSERVED ONE PARACHUTE AND HEARD A BEEPER SIGNAL. CAPTAIN AUSTIN WAS CAPTURED AND UPON HIS RELEASE IN 1973 HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANOTHER PARACHUTE AND HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH MAJOR APPLEBY.

ON 6 APRIL 1988, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER AN INVESTIGATION REPORT AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE RECOVERED FROM A CRASH SITE IN MAI CHAU DISTRICT. THE REPORT INDICATED THAT ON 7 OCTOBER 1967 A U.S. F-4D AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN AT TONG DAU VILLAGE AND CRASHED ON BUOC MU MOUNTAIN. THE LOCALS RECOVERED REMAINS AND BURIED THEM BY A STREAM NEAR DAU NGOAI HAMLET. WILD ANIMALS SUBSEQUENTLY DUG UP THE REMAINS AND ATE THEM. THE WRECKAGE TURNED OVER INCLUDED A DATA PLATE WITH A SERIAL NUMBER. THE DATA PLATE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CORRELATED WITH THE F-4D AIRCRAFT PILOTED BY MAJOR APPLEBY.

ON 31 OCTOBER 1988, A JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO MAI CHAU DISTRICT, AND MET THE DISTRICT MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND PUBLIC SECURITY CHIEF. THE TEAM WERE TOLD THAT THE CRASH SITE HAD BEEN LOCATED AT WH093864. THE TEAM VISITED TONG DAU VILLAGE AND

INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO DESCRIBED THE CRASH OF AN AIRCRAFT DURING LATE MAY 1967 ON BUOC MU MOUNTAIN. THE WITNESS WENT TO THE CRASH SITE AND OBSERVED SMALL PIECES OF REMAINS WHICH HE COLLECTED AND BURIED IN A SHALLOW GRAVE NEAR HIS HOME. THE WITNESS POINTED OUT THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE GRAVE WHICH WAS LOCATED IN A MANIOC FIELD. THE TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE AND RECOVERED SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE INCLUDING AN ENGINE DATA PLATE. THE DATA PLATE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AN ENGINE USED ON THE F-4C AND D MODEL AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM ALSO RECOVERED AN EJECTION SEAT LEG RESTRAINT GARTER BUCKLE WHICH INDICATES THAT THE CREW MEMBER WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THE CRASH SITE BE EXCAVATED.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: APPLEBY, IVAN DALE
RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 13 SEPTEMBER 1930
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS
WEIGHT: 72.5 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN

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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày mồng 7 tháng 10 năm 1967, Thiếu Tá Ivan D. Appleby và Đại Úy William R. Austin là phi hành đoàn trên máy bay kiểu F-4D (số hiệu 65-0727) trong biên đội gồm có hai máy bay có nhiệm vụ trình sát chụp ảnh. Trong khi làm nhiệm vụ, máy bay họ bị thiệt hại bởi vì tên lửa đất đối không và bị rơi trong vùng phụ cận ở tọa độ WH156796, cách Bán Bang khoảng độ 1500 mét về phía bắc, tỉnh Hoà Bình. Phi hành viên khác trong biên đội nhìn thấy một chiếc dù và nghe tín hiệu dẫn hướng điện tử. Đại Úy Austin bị bắt và khi ông ta được phóng thích vào năm 1973 ông ta khai là ông ta không thấy chiếc dù khác và không liên lạc với Thiếu Tá Appleby đâu.

Vào ngày mồng 6 tháng 4 năm 1988, chính phủ Việt Nam chuyển giao một biên bản báo cáo điều tra và xác máy bay được thu hồi ở chỗ máy bay bị rơi ở huyện Mai Châu. Biên bản báo cáo cho biết rằng vào ngày mồng 7 tháng 10 năm 1967 một máy bay F-4D của nước Mỹ bị bắn rơi ở xã Tong Dau và bị rơi ở núi Buoc Mu. Những nhân dân địa phương thu hồi hài cốt và chôn hài cốt dọc theo một suối gần ấp Dau Ngoai. Sau đó những thú dữ bởi hài cốt và ăn hài cốt đó. Xác máy bay được chuyển giao bao gồm một nhân máy bay có số hiệu. Sau đó nhân máy bay được có liên quan đến máy bay F-4D được Thiếu Tá Appleby lái.

Vào ngày 31 tháng 10 năm 1988, đội hỗn hợp đi huyện Mai Châu, và gặp đại biểu quân sự huyện và thủ trưởng công an. Đội được biết là chỗ rơi ở WH023864. Đội đi thăm viếng xã Tong Dau và phỏng vấn một nhân chứng mà

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tường thuật về một máy bay bị rơi vào cuối tháng 5 năm 1967 ở núi Buoc Mu. Nhân chứng đi chỗ rơi và thấy những mảnh nhỏ hài cốt mà ông ta thu và chôn vào một mố nông gần nhà ông ta. Nhân chứng chỉ ra chỗ chung chung của mố ở ruộng sắn. Đội đi thăm chỗ rơi và thu hồi những mảnh xác máy bay nhỏ bao gồm một nhân động cơ. Cái nhân có liên quan đến động cơ dùng ở máy bay kiểu F-4C và F-4D. Đội cũng thu hồi một cái khoá của dây an toàn dùng giữ chân người ở ghế nhảy dù mà cho biết là phi hành viên đã ở trong máy bay trong lúc máy bay bị rơi. Đội đề nghị là chỗ rơi nên được khai quật.

Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: Appleby, Ivan Dale

Cấp bậc: Thiếu Tá, Không Quân Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 13 tháng 9 năm 1930

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 73

Cân nặng: 72 ki 5

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu